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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KINOSHITA et al.

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For: HEAT-SENSITIVE STENCIL
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

In the Claims:

Please enter this claim amendment:

1. (Amended) A heat-sensitive stencil sheet, which comprises a laminate of a thermoplastic resin film and a fiber-containing porous substrate, said stencil sheet satisfying $0.150 \leq T-H$ wherein T means an arithmetic average value ($\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}/\text{cm}$) of absolute values of KES bending torque in lengthwise direction of the stencil sheet at curvatures of +2.3 and -2.3 (cm^{-1}), H means a bending hysteresis ($\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}/\text{cm}$), and T-H means a residual torque ($\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}/\text{cm}$).

Please add claims 9 and 10: